

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-176 were pending of which Claims 2, 40, 84-114 and 117-174 were rejected and Claims 3-39, 41-83, 115, 116 and 175 were objected to. The status of Claim 176 was not specified, but it is presumed that Claim 176 was objected to.

Claims 2, 40, 84-114 and 117-174 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over various cited claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,855,985. Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,855,985, signed by the undersigned attorney of record in this case, which overcomes the rejection of Claims 2, 40, 84-114 and 117-174.

The grounds of objection to Claims 3-39, 41-83, 115, 116, 175 and 176 were not specified, but it is presumed that these claims were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-176 are now allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to correct several errors in the paragraph beginning at page 64, line 25.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8201.

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